

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
September 16, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Mayor Eric Baca, Bill Lucas and Ron Thebeau

Excused: Mary Nedrow and Phelps Wilkins

Staff: Val Cordova Town Clerk, Eduardo Coronado Legal Counsel and Tom Malone Public Works Director.

Public: Kevin Burk, Doug & Carol Henderson, Norm Moulton, Jim Muth, Dan Muth, Ron Cavanaugh, Susie Silva, Jesse Farnsworth, Buster Madariaga, Cyndi Henderson, Steve & Susan Erhart.

Vice Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Planning and Zoning Liaison Dan Muth was asked to give a brief update on the September 8, 09 meeting. He reported that Tom Malone was present to discuss the Town's infrastructure regarding where the Town is at and what needs to be done and how it will tie into future developments. They also discussed alternative energy solutions that will be codified into the planning and zoning ordinance and possible changes to the parking ordinance.

Vice Mayor Baca reported on the Capital Christmas Tree planning meeting he attended. The Tree will be picked and cut from around Hanagan Meadows area on November 7th. They would like to have a special event with the Governor and possibly some senator. The two locations being suggested are the dome or the rodeo grounds. These are the only two locations where they can put an 85 foot tree. The tree will then be packaged and wrapped and on it's way to 25 different locations on its way to Washington.

Sharon Pinckard Community Services Director asked to address the council. He apologized for not being present at the budget meetings saying that she was told they were beat up pretty bad. She said she wanted to provide the council with information on the services they provide but said she would like to clarify that they've been known for years as the senior center when they are actually Communities Services Department. There are two divisions the senior center and the housing and utility assistance.

Vice Mayor Baca stopped Mrs. Pinckard to tell her that the council didn't beat them up. They had questions they wanted to ask regarding certain items and there wasn't anyone here to answer questions and they had missed her several times. No one was negatively attacking them

She reported that a staff member had contacted two council members and would like to invite council members to visit the senior center and meet with her. She wanted to clarify that the reason the budget was so high this year is that they received additional grants. Only 12% of the grant goes to staff salaries or space and the remainder goes to the clients. She emphasized that she would really like to meet with council members individually or as a group.

Vice Mayor Baca reiterated that they just wanted to ask for more information before the budget process.

Ms. Pinckard stated that she had provided information to them but apparently it didn't get passed on. They actually had their son change his wedding date so they could be here prior to the budget when it usually goes on schedule but because it was so late in the season they were tied.

5. Consent Items.

- a. Consider approval of the September 2, 2009 council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider approval and ratification of accounts payable for the month of August 2009.

Bill Lucas/Ron Thebeau motion to approve consent items 5a – 5b.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau

6. Old Business: None

7. Norman Moulton: Discussion and action regarding a request from Norman Moulton to rescind a letter from the Town to pilots regarding removal of hangars at the airport.

Mr. Moulton addressed the council asking the council to rescind the August 18th letter the pilots received regarding the hangar at the airport. He stated they were told some things in the letter were in error and that is why he's requesting a letter rescinding it. He explained that they are saying they are going to tear down the hangar, and discontinue rental of airplanes and basically the rental of airplanes in the future and were told at a meeting the letter was in error. The plan is if the hangar is torn down and another hanger put up the planes would be moved into the new hangar but the rates would probably be increased. Because of the reference to the airplane rental being discontinued he would like the August 18th letter to be rescinded.

Vice Mayor Baca advised Mr. Moulton that the letter only give the pilots ample notice of 12 to 18 months to let you know that there is going to be new hangar built. He advised him that it was a unanimous decision when they voted to all Nelson Garrison to construct hangars partly to generate revenue for the Town. According to the letter it was the recommendation of the FAA to tear down the hangar for safety concerns. He advised him that he really didn't think he should be addressing the council but should be going to the Springerville Municipal Airport Committee (SMAC) or to FAA to address his concerns. Then, if specific violations are determined he should come in and talk to the town manager about specific violations. He reiterated that from his point of view this was an appropriate letter giving them ample notice.

Councilman Lucas also suggested Mr. Moulton to attend the SMAC meeting tomorrow night at the airport. He advised him that the FAA Program manager is scheduled to be here in October and they might want to talk to him too. He said he wouldn't want to act on this until after attempts have been made to talk to FAA, SMAC and the FAA Program Manager to see what information and satisfaction, feedback and if your still dissatisfied talk to the town manager.

Mr. Moulton said he had been talking to the FAA to find out there's disagreements even within the FAA but said that was fine with him.

Councilman Lucas stated he could always come back at a later date and ask for something to be changed.

Councilman Thebeau read a portion of the letter regarding rentals at the airport and stated that Mr. Moulton had a basis for his request. The language in this portion of the letter is pretty strong, we don't have a new hangar and agreed that we need to develop policies.

8. ADOT Contract: Discussion regarding approving a contract with ADOT for the overlay on South Mountain Avenue.

Bill Lucas/Ron Thebeau motion to table the ADOT contract until we get past a preliminary draft and get a final draft.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau

9. The Gate: Discussion and action regarding a request from Jim Muth to remove the gate on Tumbling T Drive.

Jim Muth addressed the council regarding the removal of a gate from Tumbling T Drive assuring them this was not personal. He then addressed the information provided to the council previously by staff. He again asked them to remove the gate permanently as the road should never been closed according the information and according to a memo from a previous town manager recommending that the road should be left open to through traffic. Mr. Muth then talked about a questionnaire that that was sent out to the residents in Tumbling T asking them whether they should close the road. He presented statistics of taxes he pays for to the county for roads and after adding the percentages he pays for driving on roads wanted to know why there is a gate on one of his roads. He reviewed more of the information provided including whether this is a public road or how wide it is. He also asked why some individuals who own multiple lots received more than one questionnaire and others did not. He restated that the issues as he sees them is the money he contributes to the general fund and to the streets he wants the town council to direct the public works director to remove the gate completely and take it back to the town yard. He reiterated that there are a lot of facts that were given to the council and said he would answer any questions he can address. He said he would like to have a vote tonight. He also addressed the dead end sign and said that to have a dead end they would need to have a 100' cul-de-sac.

Vice Mayor Baca stated that personally he would like to table this item. He would like to have all the members of the council present to discuss this and make a decision because it's important to the community.

Mr. Muth asked the council to direct the town clerk to put this back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Lucas said he would like to table this issue to give the public a chance to address the closure of the road as they didn't know that they needed to address this during public participation.

Councilman Thebeau said he didn't want to see this item dragged out for 3 or 4 meetings, it needs to go away.

Ron Thebeau/Bill Lucas motion to table this item until the next meting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau

10. Tourism Tax Committee: discussion and action regarding a request from the Tourism Tax Committee to fund the following events.

- a. Legends of Country Music in the amount of \$300.00 request by Sharon Ashby Robinson
- b. Mead Publishing in the amount of \$841.50 request by Brenda Crawford.

Bill Lucas/Ron Thebeau motion to approve the request for of \$300 by Sharon Ashby Robinson for Legends of Country Music in the amount and \$841.50 requested by Brenda Crawford for advertising with Mead Publishing.

Councilman Thebeau asked who Brenda Crawford is and why are we giving her \$841.50 for Mead Publishing?

Buster Madriaga introduced himself and said he was the chairman of the Tourism Tax Committee explained that Ms. Crawford does the area guide, map and business directory for the Chamber of Commerce. This guide is circulated throughout the White Mountain area.

Councilman Thebeau wondered why we are contributing to a private publishing firm. He asked if the committee had discussed this. He was advised that it had been discussed by the committee. This is the first request the committee has received to fund this.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau

11. Adjournment:

Bill Lucas/Eric Baca motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau

Eric Baca, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2009.

Town Clerk